Approved - SWAC Meeting Minutes - August 3, 2011

In attendance: For DUSWM-Phil Harris, Kevin Demosky, Rick Pack SWAC Chair Dan Locke, Vice Chair Peter Blood, Ellis Burruss, Rolan Clark, Karin Tome, Jim Racheff, Rich Terselic, Dave Heller, Harvey Alter, Bryan Malseed, Alderwoman Shelley Aloi

The meeting started shortly after 6:30 PM. The minutes of the July Meeting were approved with provision for correction of typos that were noted.

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to reviewing the redrafted Chapter 3 of the Solid Waste Management Plan. The bulk of the suggested changes will result in changes in one of the tables. A "clean" version of the further revised chapter will be provided to committee members.

Two chapters remain for committee review: Chapter 4 (which the committee has already commented upon); and Chapter 5. Chapter 4, and hopefully, Chapter 5, will be provided to the committee prior to the next meeting. Because of the urgency in getting the entire plan ready for submission to the County Planning Board for review, a special SWAC meeting has been scheduled for August 17 at 6:30 PM. If the review is not completed-and committee approval received-at that meeting, a second special meeting may be needed to be held on the 24th.

Dan asked committee members to submit their comments on the new chapters prior to the August 17 meeting.

Shelley and Phil described the pilot project scheduled for the Whittier section of Frederick City. It will involve a reduction from twice to once/week trash pickup. It is slated to start on September 1 and to (tentatively) run for six months. Phil advised a community group to which the pilot was described they can request larger recycling containers if they fear the move to once/week trash pickup will pose a storage problem.

Karin informed the committee of an EPA proposal currently out for comment related to measuring recyclables.

Department Update

Phil reported he has been tasked to develop a "best management practices" document for use with the commercial food composting project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.